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First Notable Events in History.

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CREATION.

Asia, the cradle of the human race.

Adam, 930 years.

Methusaleh, 969 years.

Noah, 600 years.

Shem, Ham, Japeth, Flood, 1656. The first man born after the flood, Arphaxad.

Abraham, 175 years.

Tigris River. Garden of Eden. Euphrates River. Babylon. Belshazzers, and Cyrus. God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam. For two thousand years whole earth was of one tongue.

Methusaleh lived before the flood; reached one hand back to Adam and the other hand gave it to Noah; then Noah, living upon both sides of the flood, hands it down to Abraham. Next comes the monuments of Egypt Λ Λ Λ, the Sphinx, the eternally insolvable riddle of the world. Nimrod, the first man to wear a crown. Mena, the first recorded Egyptian king. Moses. The Ten Commandments, the alphabet, author of Genesis, inventor of letters.

Boaz, Ruth, Samuel, Saul, David, Solomon. Elijah, the great restorer of law when it lay buried in ruins and covered with corruption.

From the time of the Israelites into Canaan and the birth of our Saviour a period of 1451 years elapsed. After the death of Joshua, the Israelites were governed by Judges; it was a nation of farmers; very

few servants, except hewers of wood and drawers of water. The period when each man was content to sit under his vine and under his fig tree. The practice of soothsaying or fortune telling was common among the Jews. Saul drove all who practiced it from the land. The Psalms of David and the writings of Solomon possess extraordinary merit. They carry forward the minds of the faithful beyond the present to the future. The shades of a dark night had to pass before the day should break. There can be no doubt that haste and riches brought all the evils and sin which always flow from it in an age of progress towards worldly show and magnificence. Job gave us astronomy; many of the stars and constellations received well-known names. He stretchetd out the north over empty place and hangeth the world upon nothing. His was knowledge and simple worship of the one true God.

The first marriage—Isaac went out, and lifting up his eyes, behold, the camels are coming! Rebecca and her maidens for a new home. All aboard! Haul in the plank, and swing out into the sea darkness and storm. "Go 'way, Jezebel!" The circle is an emblem of eternity. and that is the shape of the marriage ring.

The king of Chaldea made a raid on the cities of Canaan and carried off Lot. This is the first battle recorded in history, 1400 B. C.

Greece and the Greek poets, 900 B. C. Æsops fables.

Carthage sprung a colony of Tyre, 880 B. C. Jezebel, one of its natives, who tried to force on the Israelites the worship of Baal, 860 B. C. Jonah, 530 B. C. Darius, king of Media, 530 B. C. Cyrus, king of Persia, 530 B. C. Daniel, Belshazzar, king of Babylon, 323 B. C. Alexander, king of Macedonia, 182 B. C. Hannibal, king of Carthage, never at peace with Rome.

China—Confucius gave instructions unto those who cannot procure it for themselves.

Phœnicia, the market place for industry of all nations. Armenia sends horses, Arabia sends horns and ivory, Cassia calamus, lambs and goats; Syria, precious stones, fine linen; Israel, honey, oil and the balm of Gilead; Damascus, wine, wool; Queen of Sheba, spices, precious stones and gold; Assyria, cedar boxes, blue cloth. Thy riches, thy merchandise, thy mariners and thy pilots, and all thy men-of-war that are in thee shall fall into the midst of the sea in the days of thy ruin.

May I ask when, and where, was the first trial by jury and how was it conducted?

Asa was diseased in his feet, yet he sought not the Lord, but the physician, and Asa slept with his fathers, 752 B. C., Rome.

45 B. C. Mark Antony and Cleopatra,

44 B. C. Cæsar was murdered in a meeting of the Senate, and fell at the feet of the statue of Pompius, pierced sixteen times, only one of which was fatal. This was in Rome. 25 B. C. Herod.

Judea. Leviticus xix: 18, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Samaria, Ahab, Jezebel, Naboth and Elijah.

How pleasant to me thy deep blue wave,
O, Sea of Galilee;
For the glorious One, who came to save,
Hath often stood by thee.

CHRIST.

Mediterranean Sea.

The three wise men from Assyria: Casper, a young man; Balthazar, mid life; Melchoir, an octogenarian. The three great councilors of the Jews' "Sanhedrin," Shammai, Hielel and Betirah. John, the Baptist. Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world. Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. St. Peter, St. Paul, the Rose of Sharon, Mary Magdalene, Rock of Ages, Star of Bethlehem.

I. H. S. Jesus, the Saviour of men. "O, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killeth the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together as a bird gathers her brood under her wings, and ye would not." And at another time, when He says, "the day shall come upon thee that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round and keep thee in on every side, and shall not leave in thee one stone upon another." Thirty-seven years later the Romans captured the city; the Jews perished. Homeless ever since, scattered among the cities of earth to be the Shylocks of a day that is gone by, and the Rothschilds of our own happier age.

The three worst men of the world: Brutus and Cassius, who betrayed their sovereign and their country, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed his master with a kiss.

The first performer on the harp and organ, Jubal. Gen. 4, 21.

The first instructor in brass and iron, Tubalcain. Gen. 4, 22.

ROME.

Nowhere is Rome less known than in Rome itself.

64 A. D. Nero's reign. Set fire to the city out of mere wicked sport, and sat calmly looking on and singing verses on the burning of Troy to the music of his harp.

95 A. D. Domitian banished St. John, the evangelist, to the Isle of Patmos; from here the book of Revelation.

167 A. D. Persecution of the Christians.

330 A. D. Constantine the Great wore a mask to serve the aims of an unresting and unscrupulous ambition.

Marcus Aurelius, Bishop of Polycarp: "Thank God I am worthy to drink of the cup of Christ.

432 A. D. The invasion of Britain by three tribes They found a population of Celts, "Irish people," famous as poets, and harpers, Blarney stone, wit, first flowers of the earth and first gem of the sea.

Scotland, high-toned piety.

476 A. D. "When Odoacer was proclaimed king of Italy, the Assembly, which called itself the Roman Senate, sent back to Constantinople the tiara and purple robe in sign that the Western Empire had passed away."

432 A. D. Patrick, a Scotchman, began to preach the gospel in Ireland.

503 A. D. As if to repay the blessing, an Irishman, Columbia, passed into Scotland on the same sacred mission.

590 A. D. Pope Gregory the Great, founder of papacy, being struck with the beauty of some English boys in the Roman slave market, was the first to send missions to the world.

987 A. D. France, once called Franks, has nothing in the history of kings branded with nicknames, such as the stammerer, the fat, the foolish, the lazy, to challenge notice or respect. A new dynasty arose. Hugh Capet changed the name from Franks to France, and a new history begins.

1096 A. D. Crusades to 1272 A. D. The Troubadours perished forever. Tennyson tells us of that noble old music. One of the strangest sights of the middle ages was the boy crusade of 1212, Stephen of Vendome.

1482 A. D. Expulsion of the Moors from Spain. Abdallah, on a rocky hill, which is still called The Last Sigh of the Moor, sat to take a farewell look of Granada, his eyes brimming with tears. "Well doth it become thee," said his mother, "to weep like a woman for what thou couldst not defend as a man."

Chivalry middle ages, 455. Beginning with dissolution of the Western Roman Empire and ending with the discovery of America in 1492. Europe was all this time in a state of flux, one may say.

1340. Italy, the tragedy of Punch and Judy, so often seen in our shows.

1339. Venice in terror at the time. In the dead midnight a splash in the waters told to-morrow a vacant chair that would never be filled again.

1492. Columbus lands, St. Salvador. The greatest man that has ever served the cause of progress or labored in the path of science.

1521. Ein Feste Burg ist Unser Gott.

1612. England. A mid-summer night's dream. The era when English literature, both poetry and prose, was at its highest. Shakespeare, also Mr. Toplady, who gave the world the most popular hymn of the English language, Rock of Ages.

1620. Settlement of America. Is it nothing to give the world the telegraph? Is it nothing to establish the liberty of the press? Is it nothing to set up the common school?

1468. The first printer, Johann Guttenberg. The age of the witch's hammer, and all Germany and Switzerland trembled with fear.

1632. Protestants and Romanists. Gustavus Adolphus, king of Sweden, and Count Wallenstein, of the Romans, a rich and distinguished Bohemian officer. Thirty years war.

1685. Louis XIV, a visible miracle; in plain English, he was a highway robber.

1707. Peter the Great, of Russia, and Charles XII, of Sweden. "Nowhere but at Moscow will I treat with Peter." "Ah," said Peter, "my brother wishes to play the part of Alexander. He shall not find a Darius in me."

1775. American Revolution. Great Britain, Washington and Cornwallis, King George III.

1780. Nineteenth of May candles burn in houses. The birds were silent; the fowls retired to roost; the day of judgment was at hand; so said the people.

1783. The greatest event in American history is the acknowledgment of the independence of the United States by Great Britain. Think of the country for which the Indians fought! Who can blame them, without a pitying eye to weep their fall or a friendly hand to record their struggle?

1812. War. England's searching American ships irritated the United States so much, Madison declared war.

1813. France. Napoleon Bonaparte. His history is a threadbare theme. Never has the world seen ambition so brilliantly successful, so frightfully reckless of human life, or so miserable in its tragic fall. May I ask, who was Colbert?

1833. November 13. Meteoric shower.

1853. Crimean war. Turkey, Russia, Britain, France. Chief cause Russian expansion.

1847. Mexico and United States, President Polk, General Taylor, General Scott, President Paredes, General Santa Anna and General Landers.

1861. American Rebellion. North and South. Lincoln and Grant, Davis and Lee.

1870. French and German war. Napoleon and King William.

1898. Spanish-American war. President William McKinley, Queen Regent Marie Christina.

MDCCCLXXXXVI. Electric dynamo.

That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

In Africa, a quarter of the world,
Men's skins are black; their hair is crisp and curled.
And somewhere there unknown to public view,
A mighty city lies, called Timbuctoo.

Our country, and our mountains, of America, monsters and mighty art thou; you will stand here for all time to come, and say empires have come and passed away, worn out by the friction of time, and fallen beneath the accumulated weight of ages, but my greatness will remain until the angel shall come, and, standing on tip toe, shall lift his arm and say time shall be no more, when all pass into the great kingdom of eternity.

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